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Thursdays at 7.00 p. m.
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Pastor. Service every other Sunday at 10.30
a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School every
Sunday at 1 p. m.

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Masonic Hall on the second and fourth Fri-
days of every month at 8 o'clock, p. m.
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the first and third Tuesdays of every month
at 8 o'clock, p. m. Masonic Hall.

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Demon Lodge, No. 12. Meets every Friday
evening at 8 o'clock. Lodge room in the
Town Hall.

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Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Grange Room
in the Knights of Pythias Hall.

I. O. O. F.

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Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Lodge Room
in Cochran Hall, No. 2, Cochran Square.

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Pennington, Pres.; A. G. Cox, Secretary. Meets
on the first Thursday of every month at 8
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urday in January. Next annual fair will be
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Office Hours—Opens at 9.30 a. m. and
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2.45 p. m.
Mails for the South close at 10.15 a. m.
Mails for Odessa close at 10.23 a. m. and 7.30
p. m.
Mails for Warwick, Sassafras and Cecilton
close at 10.23 a. m.

DELAWARE RAILROAD.

Passenger trains going North leave at 7.46
a. m. and 3.01 p. m.; going South at 10.33 a. m.
and 7.55 p. m. Freight trains with passenger
car attached, going North, leave at 5.20 p. m.;
going South, at 6.30 a. m.

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Stage for Odessa, with U. S. Mail, leaves
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Stages for Warwick, Sassafras and Cecilton
leave shortly after arrival of the 10.43 a. m.
train.

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Coats that we sold at \$10 we are now selling

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A large assortment of Hats and Caps on

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Select Poetry.

An Eloquent Plea for Peace.

A Southern Woman's Poetical Tribute to
the Palmetto and the Pine.

From the New York Evening Post.

After reading the speech of Mr.
James G. Blaine on the floor of the
House of Representatives, in which the
animosities of the late civil war were
appealed to with what seemed to us a
misplaced energy, and after another
member of the House had answered in
a tone equally fierce and implacable, an
accomplished Tennessee lady, Mrs. Vir-
ginia L. French, wrote the poem which
we give below for the Nashville Ameri-
can. It has been said that the women
of the South retain more of the hostile
feeling engendered by the late unhappy
strife than the men. Mrs. French's
spirited lines might well make one sus-
pect this to be a mistake. They are an
impassioned plea for peace, and more
than peace, for an affectionate brother-
hood and the revival of friendly mem-
ories older than the late civil strife.

Here is the poem:

THE PALMETTO AND THE PINE.

They planted them together—our gallant sires
of old—

Though one was crowned with crystal snow,
and one with solar gold;

They planted them together—on the world's
majestic height,

At Saratoga's deathless charge, at Bay-
ward's stubborn fight;

At midnight on the dark redoubt, 'mid plung-
ing shot and shell—

At noontide gashing in the crush of battle's
bloody swell;

With gory hands and reeking brows, amid
the mighty fray,

Which surged and swelled around them on
that memorable day,

When they played Independence, as a sym-
bol and a sign,

They struck deep soil and planted the Pal-
metto and the Pine!

They planted them together—by the river of
the Year;

Watered with our fathers' hearts' blood,
watered with our mothers' tears;

In the strong, rich soil of Freedom, with a
bounteous benison

From their Prophet, Priest and Pastor—our
Father, Washington!

Above them floated echoes of the ruin and
the wreck

Like "drums that beat at Louisiana and
thundered at Quebec,"

But the old lights shone in darkness as the
new stars rose to shine

O'er their emblem of the section—the Pal-
metto and the Pine.

And we'll plant them still together—for 'tis
yet the self-same soil

Our fathers' valor won for us by victory and
toil:

On Florida's fair everglades, by bold Ontario's
shore,

And there their rent electric life as leaps the
kindred blood!

For thus it is they taught us, who for Free-
dom lived and died,

The Eternal law of justice must and shall
be justified—

That God has joined together by a flat al-
l-divine

The destinies of dwellers 'neath the Palm-tree
and the Pine.

Aye! we'll plant them yet together—'tho' the
cloud is on their brows,

And winds antagonistic writhe and wrench
the stalwart boughs;

Driving winds that drift the nations into
gaping gulfs of gloom,

Sweeping ages, cycles, systems, into vortices
of doom;

Though the waves of faction, rolling in tri-
umphant to the shore,

Are breaking down our bulwarks with their
million rage and roar;

Serried armaments of ocean fling in line
after line,

Washing up the deep foundations of Palmetto
and of Pine.

Shall this, the soil of Freedom, from their
roots be washed away?

By the chaffing of the billows and the break-
ing of the spray?

No! the Hand which rules the vortex which
is surging now before us

Above its "hell of waters" sets the bow of
promise o'er us—

And the time will come when Discord shall
be buried in the Past,

The oriflamme of Love shall wave above the
breach at last,

And beneath that stately banner—type of
unity divine—

Shall stand those stately signals—the Pal-
metto and the Pine.

Shall the old victorious Eagle from their
boughs be wrenched away?

By the double-headed Vulture of Disunion
and Decay?

Forbid it, Heaven! Columbia, guard thine
emblems gathered here

To grace the brilliant dawnings of this grand
Centennial year,

And bear them thus to march on with
glofting unfurled,

With thy foot upon the fetter, for the freeing
of the world!

And guard thy Holy Sepulchre—Mount Ver-
non's sacred shrine—

For this is Freedom's Holy Land—her prom-
ised Palestine.

Oh! thou voice of God outflowing from the
lips of holy Peace,

Soothe the turmoil and the tumult—bid this
strife and sorrow cease!

O'er savanna steeped in sunshine, over
mountains shrouded with rain,

Send the glad and thrilling tidings in thy
sacred solemn strain—

Let snowy North and sunny South send up
the shout, "All's well!"

And the music of thy coming strike our
heart-strings with its swell,

(As to Jessie Bond at Lucknow struck the
air of "Auld Lang Syne")

From the Highland pipes of Havelock—
Save the Palm and save the Pine!

God plant them still together! let them flour-
ish side by side

In the halls of our Centennial—mailed in
more than marble pride;

With kindly deeds and noble names we'll
graze them o'er and o'er,

MOUNT VERNON.

The people of Delaware were fully

informed in 1857-8 of the purpose and

object in buying Mount Vernon, Wash-
ington's home, from his heirs, who were

too poor to keep it longer from utter
decay. This work was undertaken by

Ann Pamela Cunningham, a lady of
South Carolina, who conceived the idea,

and gave, of her own means, liberally, to
accomplish it. An association was or-
ganized by her throughout the country;

it was entitled the "Ladies' Mount Ver-
non Association of the Union;" was

chartered by Virginia, and the title-
deeds for the property prepared by em-
inent lawyers of Charleston and Phila-
delphia.

To secure this estate, ladies were ap-
pointed in all the States to endeavor to

interest their respective people, and

raise money enough to buy 200 acres
of Mount Vernon, including Washing-
ton's mansion and the grounds around it,

in which he is buried. For this, two
hundred thousand dollars were to be

paid. In Delaware, three thousand dollars
were collected, in so short a time, that

the *National Intelligencer*, of Wash-
ington city, said, in an editorial com-
plimentary to them, that "Delaware

would give more, in proportion to popu-
lation, than any State in the Union."

(This is a very Delaware fact.) In every
town and village in the State the people

contributed; the time-honored Masons,
the Old Fellows, officers and employees

of the railroad, and many of the schools
rent their money generously and

promptly, and the press throughout the
State gave the most generous and effi-
cient aid.

All the States contributed to the pur-
chase, and Mount Vernon became, and

is now, the property and sacred trust
of the people of the United States who

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EDWARD REYNOLDS, Editor.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAR. 18, 1876.

The Commercial came out last Saturday reduced in size and price, and is now a penny paper like the rest of the Wilmington dailies. The Every Evening was quite happy over the change, considering it a victory for its policy—small paper and low price. Inasmuch as the publishers promise to print as much reading matter, though in a condensed form, as they did before they made the change, their readers will not lose much by the reduction. Though smaller in size the Commercial still retains its original beauty in appearance and make up. It has the Transcript's best wishes for success.

On our first page this week, we print at special request of the author, an eloquent appeal from Mrs. M. A. Comegys, wife of Hon. Jos. P. Comegys, of Dover, the vice-regent, for Delaware, of the Ladies Mount Vernon Association, asking for the contribution of a sufficient amount of funds to furnish a room in the old Washington mansion to be hereafter known as the Delaware room. The proposition is that each of the original thirteen States furnish a room, and as the smallest has been assigned to Delaware, Mrs. Comegys wants it furnished nicely. We publish the appeal, and beg that you will read it and act accordingly.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTION.
The Annual political sale, mis-named election, came off on Thursday last. For some time it had been understood that it was to be a contest of parties rather than men, and as the Republican bidders were backed by the Administration, of course they could, and did, outbid and outbuy the Democracy and the State was carried by their ticket by some 3000 majority. They also elected a majority of the Legislature and of the Governor's Council. This result was predicted some time ago by the N. Y. Sun, Philadelphia Times and other independent papers who saw and read the signs of the times.

Pendleton's Extortion.
The Republicans are jubilant over the discovery of a scandalous transaction on the part of Mr. George H. Pendleton, of Ohio. This gentleman it seems (proved on his own admission) while acting as President of the Kentucky Central railroad and guardian of some minor children who were heirs to a large amount of stock in his railroad, by means, doubtless, of a little political or congressional trickery, succeeded in getting a claim of the said railroad against the U. S. Government, for carrying troops during the late war, amounting to \$140,000 or \$150,000, accepted and allowed by the U. S. Secretary at War, Belknap, and consequently paid. This claim had been rejected by Secretaries Stanton and Rawlins and others, perhaps because the then President of the railroad did not "come down" handsomely enough, but when Mr. Pendleton became the chief executive of the said road, knowing a little better how to manage Republican officials, he speedily succeeded in persuading the immaculate Belknap to pass his little bill and secured the payment of the claim which the R. R. Co., already loaded upon as a gone case. For this piece of successful legal practice he was to receive, and did receive, the sum of \$80,000—a little more than half of the whole claim.

Mr. Pendleton's fee was a big one—a very big one, but it is admitted that the R. R. Company were the clear gainers to the amount of \$70,000, for they had given the claim up as lost, and perhaps but for Mr. Pendleton's efforts it would never have been secured. As far as taking this large fee is concerned, it is a private matter which affects nobody but Mr. P., and the minor children and the R. R. Company, and in no way affects the Government; but the fee was an exorbitant one, and Mr. Pendleton's act in taking it, for the performance of that which it was his duty as a faithful officer and guardian to do without fee, was, to say the least, very reprehensible. But why the Republican newspapers should find so great consolation to their spirits, wounded over the exposure of Belknap, in this "fall" of Mr. Pendleton we cannot exactly see. Mr. P. is but a private citizen, though he has ranked high in political circles, and his acts can in no way affect the Democratic party. He is, it is true, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, but he hasn't received it. And just here comes in a marked difference between the Republicans and the Democrats, for whereas the former sustain the Ben. Butler, Credit Mobilier thieves, bribe taking Grants and Shepherds of their party, the Democrats out, prosecute and punish the Tweeds and others of like ilk whenever they discover them, whether they are Democrats or Republicans. This, even their opponents themselves acknowledge; for they say that Pendleton has shamed himself, so far as his chances for a nomination for the Presidency are concerned, and they, doubtless, are correct. The Democracy have seen enough of official corruption in the Government during the past seven years to cause them to reject any man, be he who he may, whose hands are soiled with evil doing, and no man who cannot come with unsullied character, need apply for the position of standard bearer to the Democratic party in 1876.

AT SEA.

CHROMING THE GULF STREAM.

RECEIVED FROM LAST WEEK.

THE TABLE, at breakfast, lunch and dinner grows with substantial and delicate. At the former, abundance of the best coffee I ever tasted, is served with the coffee, and at the other two meals, cakes of almost endless variety, nuts and all kinds of tropical fruits, with whatever variety of wine, and spirituous and malt liquor you may call for.

The passengers have become nearly all acquainted with each other, and conversation by day and night, by lamp-light, with occasional reading and writing, occupy the waking hours. An occasional sail, a few white gulls soaring in the air or quietly resting on the sea as complacently as do any of their web-footed brethren, and a stray "diver" or bunch of sea birds, are the only objects to be seen until we reach the latitude opposite to Cape Henry. Oh! how awfully sublime and majestic is the sea, and how little seems man, who is after all, in a sense, its lord and master. Away out here on its heaving bosom, I feel just like one who would suppose the smallest and most insignificant of insects to feel, if stationed in the centre of an illimitable plain, with a bell-glass of infinite height impending over and circumscribing it. Sharks here abound, and their ugly, black dorsal fins are sticking up above the water in every direction, one big blue racer is seen swimming away from the side of the ship, and I can hardly prevail upon my senses to believe that his fin, which creates quite a commotion on the surface of the water, is not a wounded duck striving to rise but prevented by some submarine tether.

Friday night, 25th, we go to bed at our usual hour, and the weather permits us to lay off coat and vest. At 3 o'clock next morning we are roused up by a tempestuous sea, which advises us of our contiguity to Hatteras. For 300 miles we are subjected to its nauseating influence. The waves roll horse-top high and the ship pitches and rolls and lurches like a drunken man. Most of the passengers are sea-sick and but few appear at table. I asked the second officer how far east this Charybdis-Scylla extended its horrid pulsations, and he replied—"All the way across." We are giving it our best, and are sending a wide belt of 80 or 70 miles. What a marine-burial ground is this, worse than "Horn" or any Eastern sea-board! How many brave hearts and valuable cargoes have succumbed to its stormy vengeance, and have been covered by its soothing billows and shifting sands!

One terrible catastrophe, and memorable for its wholesale destruction during our late war, attests the popular apprehension of a colossal sea monster, with this king of the waves, and his watery dominions. Saturday 26th, the weather much warmer and we shed our overcoats. We are sailing due south with the Gulf Stream, 12 miles to the eastward. Nothing unusual to-day; I have been much entertained by observing the occasional casting of the lead, the examination of the log and the taking of observations. The lead is a cylinder of lead about 8 feet long and 2 or 2½ inches in thickness, and weighs 50 lbs. The end to which the line is attached, is a little smaller than the other, the butt end being hollowed to carry tallow or soap, so that the clear-sight of the ground in soundings may be known. The log is a hollow brass cylinder, about 14 or 15 inches in length and a diameter of 2 or 2½ inches. At about one-fourth of its length from the end to which the line is attached, small strips of thin brass plate, in shape of a half of the figure 8, are drawn on paper, are fastened by the long edges to the outside of the cylinder, to the number of 4 or 5. The momentum of the ship and the resistance of the water cause this cylinder to revolve and its revolutions move delicate watch machinery in the interior of the tube and which records the speed of three little dials on the surface of the log, protected by glass.

Sunday 27th, the sun shone brightly and lovingly into our state-room window, calling us up at 8 o'clock. There has fallen since day-break the softest and gentlest of June showers. The whole atmosphere is fresh and moist with sea-fragrance. The sea is quiet and still as an inland lake, excepting always its deep, heavy pulsations, and the long rolling heave of its aortic pulsations. The morning is supremely lovely for one at sea. The sun is more direct and its rays are too hot for comfort and safety. The whole spacious quarter deck is to-day covered by the sailors with awning, and a seat under its great iron is dreary and suggestive of luxurious and indolent repose.

Monday 28th, passed the latitude of Savannah yesterday at noon. To-day we made Cape Florida light at 3 o'clock P. M. From this point down the coast of Florida and the many keys below its southern extremity, extends a series of iron light-houses built on the very edge of the coral reef, which underlies all these waters, and which, indeed, is the substratum of one-half of the State of Florida, the hundreds of keys or low islands, many of them, not all, of the West India islands. Some of these lights are revolving and very bright, especially that at Jupiter inlet. The huge iron posts, four in number, seem to rise up out of the sea, and a distance of fifteen or twenty feet from the water is a one-story house also of iron, set in between the posts, in which the keepers live, the view from the southernmost fast land, the view from the ship is striking and picturesque. The light houses stand from one to three miles out in the water from the shore right on the very edge of the reef, the depth between them and the land varying from two to six feet. This stretch of coral reef gives to the water for 150 miles, a bright green color, so that you can distinguish with great exactness, the line it makes with the deep, dark blue sea alongside.

Tuesday, 29th, still following the line of light-houses. The sun is torrid, but the heat is somewhat tempered by a delightful sea-breeze. We pass many of these low sandy keys, most of them appearing to be clothed with stunted vegetable growth of various kinds. Frequent inlets appear, sharks and porpoises abound and occasionally a huge green turtle paddles by. Two lines armed with enormous hooks fastened by thick copper wires four feet long are trailed from the stern and several large fish are caught, such as Spanish macker-

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ASSETS. Dec 31, 1875.

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Accounts receivable.....18,260.98

Bonds of the United States, and of other States, also all other stocks and bonds, absolutely owned by the Company (market value).....\$46,000.00

Stocks, bonds and all other securities, [except mortgages] hypotheicated to the Company as collateral security for cash actually loaned by the Company.....18,260.98

Interest due and accrued on stocks and other securities.....7,675.05

Cash in Company's principal office and belonging to the Company, deposited in banks.....26,896.50

Premiums unpaid.....15,169.61

All other assets, [detained in statement].....1,435.42

Total Assets.....\$250,716.39

LIABILITIES.

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Receivables, as required by law.....26,777.00

All other claims.....16,655.96

Total Liabilities.....49,729.05

Surplus as regards policyholders.....\$200,987.34

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Total Income.....87,654.05

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Northern Central Railway gold bonds, market value.....5,087.50

Loans secured by collaterals.....10,000.00

Interest due and accrued.....925.00

Net premiums unpaid.....1,783.98

Cash on hand and in bank.....5,085.30

Total Assets.....\$187,273.12

LIABILITIES.

Losses unpaid.....\$ 500.00

Dividends unpaid.....500.00

Re-insurance reserve.....18,869.70

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4 "	2.25	4.50	8.00	12.00	20.00
5 "	2.75	5.50	9.50	14.00	23.00
6 "	3.25	6.50	11.00	16.00	26.00
7 "	3.75	7.50	12.50	18.00	29.00
8 "	4.25	8.50	14.00	20.00	32.00
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Business Letters and Special Notices 10 cents
a line for each insertion. Obsolete charges
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SATURDAY MORNING, MAR. 16, 1876.

LOCAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

Items of Local Interest.

Rev. Vaughan Smith will preach in the
M. E. Church both morning and evening to-
morrow.

The Milford people want the Wilmington
M. E. Conference to hold its next annual ses-
sion in that town.

The hotel of Wm. Anthony, at Station,
was burglarized one night last week to the
extent of some five or six dollars.

A reduction of about 25 per cent. in the
freight charges on the Delaware railroad is
promised to go into effect on Monday next.

George W. Jackson, of New Castle hun-
dred, has removed to Indiana, where he in-
tends to charge of a large stock farm, near In-
dianapolis.

The name of the Newark paper, heretofore
called the *Saturday Visitor*, has been changed to
the *Newark Record*, which is much more ap-
propriate.

We are indebted to Hon. Eli Salisbury for
a number of Congressional Records and other
public documents, for which he will please
accept our thanks.

Round-trip tickets will be issued from all
stations on the Delaware and P. W. & A.
railroads at reduced fares during the sitting
of Conference at Wilmington.

A thunder storm, with lightning, passed
over this place last Sunday night. No harm
was done beyond waking folks up and
scaring some timid ones.

Wm. Walker, of Newark, was taken with
a fit of apoplexy, about ten o'clock last
Saturday night and, despite the efforts of
physicians, died within a few hours.

Governor Cochran has appointed Albert H.
Silver, Esq., of New Castle hundred, Levy
Court Commissioner, to fill the vacancy
caused by the removal of Geo. W. Jackson.

Georgetown, Sussex county, has a colored
citizen who claims to be one hundred and
three years old, and can cut and split a hun-
dred rails a day, after walking a mile to do it.

The building formerly occupied by Hiram
Deal, on Cass street, has been remodeled to
North Broad street, near Main, and hereafter
will be used as the headquarters for the Town
Council.

"Our Sunday School" a handsome eight
page Sunday School paper—a Centennial
offering of the Superintendent of the M. E.
Church, was issued from this office this
week.

Forty-two persons were immersed at the
Delaware Avenue Baptist Church, of Wil-
mington, last Sunday evening. This was the
result of extra religious services lately held
in the church.

The houses of James Springer, Esq., and
Hon. W. H. Purnell, President of the College
at Newark, were entered by thieves one
night last week, and some silver ware and
other valuable stolen.

The display of fancy goods, etc., in the
large show windows of S. M. Reynolds' store,
arranged by Mr. R. C. Jones, whose ex-
cellent taste in these matters is hard to sur-
pass, presents a handsome and attractive ap-
pearance.

George, or "Reddy" Revis, who escaped
from New Castle jail, where he was awaiting
trial on a charge of burglary, last July, was
captured by three Wilmington policemen on
Sunday morning, and returned to the care
of Sheriff Lambson.

Almost a Fire.

The roof of the blacksmith shop of Messrs.
J. M. Cox & Brother, caught fire on Tuesday,
and but for its timely discovery and extinc-
tion, a big conflagration might have re-
sulted.

Public Sales.

The following sales of personal property
will take place at the dates named:

B. C. Pearce, here's Corner, March 20.
John A. Reynolds, Jr., near Newark, Del.,
March 23.

Fine Sheep at Public Sale.

Mr. John A. Reynolds, Jr., will sell at pub-
lic sale on his farm, near Newark, on Wednes-
day next his stock and farming implements.
Among the stock are 72 head of fine Leicester
ewes, which Mr. R. brought from the West
last summer. They are in fine condition, and
persons wanting sheep may find it to an ad-
vantage to attend the sale.

St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick showed his keep yesterday. The
day before had been a very stormy one, and
yesterday the weather cleared off, and we all
thought we were going to have a nice day,
but about half-past 11 o'clock it began to
rain, and kept it up for two or three hours,
finally turning to snow, and for a time the
white flakes fell thick and fast.

Sheriff's Sale.

Sheriff Lambson sold last week, at the hotel
of James C. Townsend, at Townsend, a farm
of 275 acres, in Appoquinimink, the property
of Joseph W. Vandegrift, to Andrew Spear
for \$11,500, which is \$1,200 less than it
brought at the previous sale. He also sold,
at the same time, a lot of land in Fieldsboro,
the property of Charles P. Slicer, to Nathaniel
Williams for \$300.

Sheriff's Candidates.

Mr. Benjamin Morris, candidate for Sheriff,
called upon us on Tuesday. He was the only
one of the many applicants for the people's
favor whom we saw at Messrs. Polk & Co-
chrane's sale. In speaking of his "chances," Mr.
Morris says he thinks he will run well in this
hundred. He is a very courteous gentleman,
and should be secure the nomination, would,
no doubt, prove a strong candidate.

New Hardware Store.

Messrs. Lindley and Kemp have opened
their new hardware store in the building of
Messrs. Ford & Company, opposite the Na-
tional Hotel, with a general assortment of
such hardware and tools as are most needed
by the people of Middletown and vicinity.
This is a new enterprise, and it is hoped will
receive the encouragement and support ne-
cessary to make it successful. Read their ad-
vertisement.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remain-
ing unclaimed in the Middletown postoffice
March 15: Charles Alexander, Alice Brink,
John Cavenagh, Amos Collins, Levi Dur-
ham, Miss Ellen Fowler, Henry Frisbie, Wm.
Hallens, Lydia Harrison, Jacob Hintz, Mrs.
Margaret Harris, Miss Mollie Hall, William
Lase, Miss Mattie McKay, Benjamin Piner,
Mortimer Whitehead. Persons calling for the
above will please say they are advertised.

The Major Rejoins.

This well-known and favorite Delaware
river boat has recently been thoroughly over-
hauled, refurnished, painted and put in com-
plete trim for the spring and summer trade.
She has also been enlarged by a considerable
addition to her length, adding greatly to her
carrying capacity, as well as to her speed.
She has resumed her place upon the route
under the command of Capt. W. Eugene
Reynolds, sometime partner of Mr. T. C. Mur-
phy, in woolen manufacturing at the Bohemian
Mill, near this town.

Dishonest Agent.

James E. Hagan, of Wilmington, United
States Mail Agent on the Pennsylvania and
Delaware Railroad, from Delaware City to
Pomeroy, Pa., was arrested on last Friday,
and taken to Philadelphia, on a charge of rob-
bing the mails. He was given a hearing be-
fore the United States Commissioner, who
held him in \$1,500 bail for his appearance at
Court. Not being able to furnish the bail he
was committed to Moyamensing to await trial.
Three postal cards and two letters relating to
money, which should have been in the mail
bags, were found in his pockets.

New Hotel at New Castle.

Dr. Sherif Herbert has so renovated and
fitted up the Jefferson House, lately purchased
by him, as to make it essentially a new hotel.
It is said now to be one of the best public
houses in the State. He is also putting up a
commodious brick stable in connection with
the hotel. The new hotel will be under the
charge of Mr. Geo. A. Willington, late of the
Delaware House, Smyrna, whose reputation
as a hotel-keeper is a guarantee of a good
house at New Castle. This improvement to
the "Jefferson," with those recently put up
at the "Strickland," will make a removal of
the county seat to Wilmington, on account of
"proper hotel accommodation," unnecessary.

Concert at Odessa.

The new town hall, of Odessa, being suffi-
ciently far advanced to completion to permit
of its being used, the managers propose to
give a grand instrumental and vocal concert
in it on Thursday and Friday evenings next,
the proceeds of which will be applied to the
building or furnishing fund. The acknowl-
edged reputation of Odessa folks for doing
whatever they undertake in the way of con-
certs, tableaux, chaises, festivals, &c., right,
is a sufficient guarantee that next week's
concert will be successful. It will, doubtless,
be one of the finest musical entertainments
that the people of Odessa and Middle-
town have had an opportunity of attending
for a good while. Let's all be there.

Appointment of Constables.

The Levy Court, at its session on Tuesday,
made the following appointment of Con-
stables for this county:

Wilmington—W. E. Woodward, W. W.
Pritchett and William Hickman.
Christiana hundred—Samuel Vanzant.
New Castle—John Bartholomew, I. H.
Fols.
White Clay Creek—John W. Whiteman,
John Lemon.
Mill Creek—Edmund Hammond.
Red Lion—S. B. Scott, J. B. Howe.
Brandywine—Isaac N. Grubb, David J.
Wilson.
Georgetown—P. J. Lynch.
Pencader—William E. Ford.
Appoquinimink—James C. Townsend.
Blackbird—No appointment.

Personal.

Seaman C. Pattison, formerly of this city,
but now of Middletown, and who was a mem-
ber of our police force up to January last, has
been appointed special constable by the
Town Council, and will be sworn in, and is
an applicant for appointment as County Con-
stable in St. George's hundred.—*Every Evening.*

It is well enough to tell things of this
kind when they occur, but it won't do to get
too far ahead. Neither Mr. Pattison nor
any one else has been appointed special con-
stable by our Town Commissioners. Prob-
ably he might have been appointed, if it were
not for the fact that the Commissioners have
no authority to give said appointment to any
one but a resident of St. George's hundred,
and under the laws of the State no one can
be appointed Constable who has not resided
in the hundred, for which he is appointed,
at least six months. That blocks the game so
far as Mr. Pattison is concerned.

Large Sale—Good Prices.

The fourth annual sale of Messrs. Polk &
Cochran, on Tuesday last, was attended by a
large crowd of people from almost all over
the Peninsula, the legitimate result of exten-
sive and accessible advertising. About forty
head of horses were sold, ranging in price
from \$25 to \$370; twenty pairs of mules
were also sold at prices ranging from \$100 to
\$200 per pair; some fifty head of cattle from
\$20 to \$60 each, and four yoke of oxen from
\$30 to \$100. A lot of plows and harrows
from \$7 to \$80. Shoats brought from 7 to
11 cents per pound. Several carriages were sold
from \$30 to \$300; wagons, \$20 to \$115.
A fine lot of Peerless potatoes brought 55
and 65 cents per bushel. The total receipts of
the sales amounted to \$10,412.38. These annual
sales of Polk & Cochran are becoming a
marked feature of Middletown's industries.
Persons attend them from every quarter and
many good bargains, in the way of stock and
farm implements, are secured.

M. E. Church.

Statistical Report.—The pastor of the Be-
thesda Methodist Church in his annual re-
port, March 12, presented the following facts:
Money Raised: Pastor's salary, \$1,000;
Presiding Elder, \$65; Bishops' Fund, \$16;
floating debt, \$710.50; Church expenses,
\$318.19; improvements, \$160; Sunday School,
\$60; Missions, \$249.54; Bible cause, \$14.40;
worn out preachers, \$45; Tract Society,
\$6.50; Sunday School Union, \$5; educa-
tion, \$30; Freedmen's Aid, \$12; Church
Extension Society, \$13.60; Women's Foreign
Mission, \$61.15; General Conference Fund, \$10;
Ladies' Aid Society, \$75; total, \$2,303.34.
Sabbath School.—Officers and teachers, 35;
scholars, 260; average attendance for three
months, 200 teachers and scholars; library,
514 volumes; conversions, 38; deaths, 2;
number of scholars who are members on proba-
tion, 96; the missionary offering of the
school this year, \$187.66 (this is included in
"Mission" above given).

Church Register.

Last year, 131 members;
this year, 185; last year, 64 probationers;
this year, 69; total membership and proba-
tioners this year, 254.

The Synagogue Revival.

The revival in this town closed on Friday
night last, after a duration of ten weeks. On
Sunday night the pastors, Rev. Mr. Stubbins,
in a resume of his year's work, before going
to Conference, footed up the results of the re-

markable religious gathering as follows:
number of conversions, 300—a few over that
figure; number taken into the church, 232;
number who have joined other churches, about
20. This leaves about 50 who have not yet
identified themselves with any church. A
majority of these are children, however, under
the age of 12 years, who, though not admitted
to membership, are under the pastor's care,
and are being instructed as to the meaning
of the steps they have taken.

As before stated, the result of the meeting
was the most remarkable that have ever at-
tended any revival ever held in the town.
The one having the nearest approach to it
was the Gracy revival of 1868, when about
225 conversions were recorded, after a nine-
weeks protracted effort. The next, perhaps,
was the Phoebe meeting of eight weeks, and
173 conversions.

Although the meetings have closed the re-
ligious zeal is still strongly defined, and cot-
tage prayer meetings are to be held as occa-
sion may afford, while the Young People's
Christian Association are in inaugurating plans
for religious work.—*Times.*

Fire at Dover.

The Conference Academy, at Dover, was
entirely destroyed by fire last Friday, the
flames breaking out between 12 and 1 o'clock,
while the students were at dinner. The origin
of the fire seems to be a profound mys-
tery. When first discovered, it was burning
over the hall-way above the fourth floor.
There being no engine or fire apparatus of
any kind in the town, and the building being
so high, it was useless to attempt to fight the
flames. The building cost about \$46,000.
There is an insurance upon it of \$30,000 in
five different companies—Kent County Mutu-
al, \$5,000. But these insurance policies
hold a security for the payment of the
debts against this institution, and cannot be
applied to the building unless the creditors
so vote. There is a mortgage on the Academy
of \$20,000, and a floating debt of \$10,000,
besides, which makes the indebtedness equal
to the insurance. The Conference, now in
session in Wilmington, has raised about
\$10,000, however, through the aid of the mis-
sionaries among their congregations, which
will leave only the mortgage remaining. Hon.
N. Smith holds this mortgage, as attor-
ney for the bondholders. Messrs. Gove
and Eli Salisbury hold the larger portion of
the mortgage bonds, viz: \$11,000, and it is
understood they are willing to let the insur-
ance go toward rebuilding the Academy.
\$4,000 of the bonds are held by other parties,
while \$5,000 are still unpaid. The in-
stitution is to be rebuilt at once. In the mean
time school will go on.

Wilmington M. E. Conference.

FIRST DAY.—The eighth annual session of
this body was commenced, in Union Church,
Wilmington, on Wednesday morning, Bishop
Scott presiding. At roll call eighty-nine
members answered to their names, twenty-
five being absent. Rev. J. B. Quigg was
chosen secretary and Messrs. D. Riggs, D.
C. Ridgway and E. H. Nelson assistants. The
usual standing committees were then an-
nounced. Rev. Chas. Hill, R. W. Todd, T.
H. Haynes and J. A. Brindle were elected
conference stewards, and Rev. H. Gleason,
J. H. Caldwell, G. A. Phoebe, T. E. Martin-
dale and J. B. Quigg were appointed a con-
sultative committee. A number of deacons,
their examination having been reported by
the committee good and satisfactory, were
approved. The following were elected elders:
J. D. Kemp, J. E. Smith, G. W. Slicer, D.
W. C. McIntire, B. H. Adams and R. C.
Jones.

SECOND DAY.—Rev. J. B. Quigg introduced
a resolution in reference to the Conference
Academy, approving the action of the trust-
ees in providing for reopening the school,
and urging the adoption of prompt measures
for rebuilding. Mr. Quigg also offered the
following resolution, which was adopted by
a rising vote, Rev. J. T. Cooper, John E.
Smith, J. B. Merritt, J. Shilling and H. Col-
clazer voting against it.

Resolved, That the statute now existing in
the State of Delaware conferring corporate
rights upon boards of trustees of Roman
Catholic churches, without respect to the
manner in which said boards are constituted,
ought to be repealed, and as by the general
law of this State other religious societies ob-
tain corporate rights only on condition that
the trustees are elected by the lay members,
no such rights or privileges ought to be
conferred upon the Roman Catholic Church,
except as the trustees of her churches are also
chosen by the lay members.

Rev. J. T. Prettyman was received into the
Conference.

A memorial was presented from the Eastern
Church suggesting the abolition of Quarterly
Conferences and other radical changes. Re-
ferred. The annual report of the Methodist
Book Concern was read, showing the amount
of capital invested to be over \$1,500,000 and
the annual sales \$1,567,126.64.

Maryland Affairs.

A SICKENING CATASTROPHE.—On Saturday
the 4th inst., two little boys, aged eight and
ten, and a little girl aged six, children of
the Rev. J. B. Quigg, who lives near Cherry
Hill, Cecil county, went out in the field to
burn brush and sedge, when the little girl in
stopping to apply the torch touched with her
clothing a blazing fire behind her, and in a
moment all her clothing was enveloped in
flames. She immediately started running
and screaming, and the little boys badly
burned themselves trying to put the fire out.
The child's screams attracted the attention of
her mother, who ran to meet her, but at the
sight of her little darling burning before her
eyes, was so overcome that she fell several
times in trying to reach her. Before she could
get to her, the fire had done its work, and
the child soon died.—*Cecil Democrat.*

A CHANGE PROPOSED.—A petition is in cir-
culation in Talbot county asking of the
Legislature the passage of a law permitting
the appointment of any intelligent and re-
sponsible person to act as trustee for the sale
of real estate in chancery. As the law now
stands attorneys at law only can be appointed
by the circuit court, a rule which is re-
garded as arbitrary and unjust.

The protracted meeting which has been in
progress in the M. E. Church in Millington
since the 1st of January, closed on Sunday
night the 5th. It is thought to be the great-
est revival that has been in that place since
the days of the Rev. Mr. Houston, some 40
years ago. Sixty-two conversions are re-
ported. Rev. W. M. Warner is pastor.

Two trains per day are now run on the
Keat county road, between Clayton and
Chesetown, on Mondays, Thursdays and
Saturdays. A greatly reduced freight tariff
going into effect on Monday next, the 20th.

There are living near New Hill, in Cecil
county, two brothers, Joseph and William
Pennington, in their 85th year.

The lightning flashed on Saturday
from the side of the water, when the
London Thunderer discharged the follow-
ing bolt at the people at Washington:
"On the whole, we cannot
but feel that, even though the in-
vestigations or prosecutions now pending
should prove futile, the impression on
the public mind must be that a nice
sense of honor and propriety does not
prevail in the official world of the
United States."

The tenth tornado at Hazel Green,
Wis., killed eight persons, seriously
wounded twelve, and leveled twenty-
five buildings.

Signor Minghetti, Finance Minister,
states that the Italian financial deficit
for 1875 was only \$5,800,000.

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Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and
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symptoms in one half the time required to do
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other dangerous drug. Physicians all over
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and lungs. It never fails. Every bottle
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Now is the time of the year for Pneumonia,
Lung Fever, Coughs, Colds, and fatal results
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Syrup has been used in this neighborhood for
the past two or three years without a single
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medicine go to your Druggist, Dr. Chan-
berlain, Middletown, Del., or H. P. Baker,
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success among their customers. Two doses
will relieve the most severe case. If you have
no faith in any medicine, just buy a sample bot-
tle of *Bosche's German Syrup* for 10 cents
and try it. Regular size for 75 cents. Don't
neglect a cough to have 75 cents.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
COLLECTED WEEKLY BY ISAAC JONES, JR.
Wheat, new, \$1.35 @ 1.40
Corn, yellow, 52 @ 53 cts.
Corn, white, 52 @ 53 cts.
Oats, 40 @ 42 cts.
Timothy Seed, 11.50 @ 11.75
Clover, 11.50 @ 11.75

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.

COLLECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS.
Eggs, 15 @ 17 cts.
Butter, 20 @ 22 cts.
Lard, 14 @ 15 cts.
Chickens, dressed, 14 @ 15 cts.
Turkeys, dressed, 15 @ 16 cts.
Ducks, 13 @ 14 cts.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Prime red wheat, \$1.40 @ 1.42 bus.
Oats, 55 @ 61 bus.
Corn (Pennsylvania), new, 40 @ 45 cts.
Olive oil, 12 @ 13 cts.
Timothy, 12 @ 13 cts.

BAITMORE MARKETS.

Wheat, good to amber, 1.45 @ 1.55
Corn, white, old, 52 @ 53 cts.
Corn, yellow, 52 @ 53 cts.
Corn, Southern, 43 @ 45 cts.
Rye, 12 @ 13 cts.

Business Locals.

This is to notify the public that I am closing
out my LADIES' FALL AND WINTER
DRESS GOODS at cost.
G. W. V. NAUDAIN.
New Orleans and Paris Ribbons, Lace
Shirtings, etc., at S. M. REYNOLDS.

Rumford's Yeast Powder the best in the
market, for sale by S. M. REYNOLDS.

The best Mince Meat, 2 pounds for 25 cents
Cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

Raisins, Prunes, Citron, Dried Fruits, Canned
Goods, new and fresh, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

Peterson's Best Buckwheat; Turk's Island,
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Sleds, Wheelbarrows, Express Wagons and
Coaches, at RICE'S.

Fine Laces, Veils and Jewel Caskets at
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One bar of Moore & Bro's "Wilmington
City Soap" will go far as two bars of
lower grade, (one trial proves it.)

The best yard wide 122 cents Bleached
Muslin, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

An elegant Two-Button Kid Glove for 90
cents cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

Granulated Sugar 12 cents; A 11 cts, and
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Blue Heads, Shipping Tags, etc., for sale by
the Transcript office, at very low rates.

No. 1, 2, and 3 Buckwheat for barrels, half
barrel and quarters; New Split Lard in
Herring in barrels and half barrels, just re-
ceived and for sale by S. M. REYNOLDS.

A choice Rio Coffee, green, 25 cents, roast-
ed 30 cents, cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

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or 70 cents per dozen, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

Ladies and Gent's newest style Windsor
Ties and Scarfs in all shades and widths from
20 to 50 cents, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

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